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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATORS, GREEK AND TURKISH AMBASSADORS, TO CONSULT IN CAPITALS

SUMMARY: IN EFFORT ACHIEVE COMMON GREEK- CYPRUS POSITION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND OTHER OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS, CLERIDES, DEKLERIS AND AMB LAGACOS WILL CONSULT WITH ALTERNATE FON MIN CAVALIERATOS AND OTHER GREEK OFFICIALS IN ATHENS NEXT WEEK. TURKISH AMB INHAN ALSO UNEXPECTEDLY RECALLED TO ANKARA. END SUMMARY

1. FON MIN CHRISTOPHIDES AND GREEK CYPRIOT INTERLOCUTOR CLERIDES TOLD AMBASSADOR YESTERDAY THAT CLERIDES PLANNED TRAVEL TO ATHENS WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH GREEK GOVT ON LOCAL TALKS. GREEK
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AMB LAGACOS AND CONSTITUTIONAL EXPERT DEKLERIS WOULD PRECEDE HIM BY TWO OR THREE DAYS. TODAY' S PAPERS CARRY STORY, APPARENTLY PUT OUT BY GOVT AFTER NEWS OF CONSULTATIONS BEGAN TO LEAK.

2. TURKISH AMB INHAN LEFT UNEXPECTEDLY FOR ANKARA YESTERDAY. EXCUSING HIMSELF FROM PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED DINNER, HE TOLD AMBASSADOR SIMPLY THAT HE WAS RETURNING TO REVIEW CURRENT STATUS OF TALKS.

3. COMMENT: MAIN PREOCCUPATION OF CONSULTATIONS IN BOTH CAPITALS IS LIKELY TO BE OUTSTANDING NEGOTIATING ISSUES, PARTICULARLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT. (CHRISTOPHIDES TOLD AMB ATHENS DISCUSSIONS WERE DESIGNED TO REACH COMMON POSITION BEFORE COPENHAGEN NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING.) NEVERTHELESS, INTERNAL POLITICAL QUESTIONS MAY ALSO BE DISCUSSED. IN ANKARA THIS WOULD MEAN PRINCIPALLY DENTASH' S INCREASING PROBLEMS WITHIN COMMUNITY (SEPTEL), IN ATHENS IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING KEEP QUIET AND RECENT ACTIVITIES OF LYSSARIDES.
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